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Dear Examiner Pich,

I have attached a proposed Office Action response. Please do not enter it.

We have an interview scheduled for May 2 at 1:00 EST. I would like to discuss three items from the Office Action.

Specifically, I would like to discuss the finality of the Office Action (it should be non-final). This may become moot since we are willing to take allowable claims.

I would also like to discuss the claim objection (Claim 61). I do not wish to make the suggested amendment and would like to discuss the necessity, in your opinion, of doing so.

I would also like to discuss the 112 rejection on page 4 (enumerated paragraph 6) of claim 24. I do not believe the suggested amendment is necessary and would like your opinion regarding this.

(In addition, I would like your opinion as to whether US Patent No. 6,584,567 to Bellwood et al. should be prior art in this case. We are willing to cancel claims 51-59, but believe that a continuation may be appropriate.)

Sincerely,

William F. Ahmann

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Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This Response to Office Action is responsive to the Office Action from the Examiner mailed December 28, 2005. This Response is filed within six months of the mailing date of the rejection. The applicants note that although the Office Action is stamped "FINAL OFFICE ACTION", the Office Action should be non-final (as indicated at page 2 of the Office Action).

Two Month Extension - Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), the Applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of time to respond to the Office Action. This extension will extend the response due date to Monday, May 29, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

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